

AGENDA



Thursday, May 22, 2008

**Library
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 11**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$110,000 in additional grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for a total grant amount of \$980,000 for the Interlibrary Loan Grant Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget Library Department Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$110,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant periods are September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008 and September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Prior Council Action: Council approved the first grant as part of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget for \$420,000 and 5.50 FTEs on September 11, 2006. Council approved a grant amendment to add a .50 FTE position on August 30, 2007 for a total grant amount of \$420,000 and 6.00 FTEs. Council approved the budget for the second grant as part of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget for \$450,000 and 6.0 FTEs on September 10, 2007.

The Interlibrary Loan grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission provides funding for resource sharing and interlibrary loan services to libraries in a thirty county area of central Texas. The Austin Public Library has been designated one of ten Major Resource Centers. As such, the Austin Public Library provides materials and information to area libraries from the Austin collection and encourages cooperative resource sharing activities of libraries in the thirty county area. The Austin Public Library has served as a Major Resource Center since 1975. This federally funded program has provided funding for interlibrary loan services for Austin and the surrounding 30 counties for more than 30 years. The additional funds from this grant will be used by the Austin Public Library to address the increased cost of providing services. These costs include items such as payroll and insurance expenses as well as operating expenses such as supplies and postage.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.